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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** 

The examiner has acknowledged that claims 2 to 4 are directed to allowable

subject matter.

Claim 2 has been amended in independent form including all of the limitations

of claim 1, and claims 1, 5 and 6 have been canceled.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that pending claims 2 to 4 be allowed

in their present form. If the Examiner feels that any issues that remain require

discussion, he is kindly invited to contact applicant's undersigned attorney to resolve

the issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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